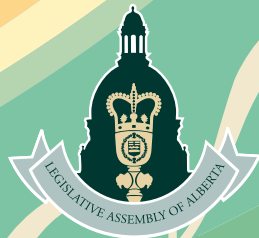


You and the Legislative Assembly

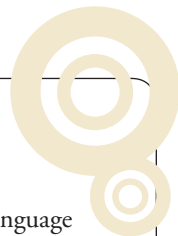


FIELD TRIP GUIDE TO THE
ALBERTA LEGISLATURE
FOR ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
LEARNERS



NAME

DATE OF VISIT



Welcome from the Speaker

I am proud to present this easy-to-read field trip guide for English-language learners. This guide will help you get the most from your tour of the Legislature Building.

During the tour you will learn about Alberta's Legislative Assembly and its political history. Activities in the guide will help you learn parliamentary terms and Alberta's emblems. As well, pictures and numbered sections will keep you in step with your tour guide.

I hope you enjoy your tour of the Legislature Building, and I am certain you will walk away with a great deal of useful information about your province.

The Honourable Gene Zwozdesky
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta
MLA, Edmonton-Mill Creek



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THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The Legislature Building was under construction from 1907 to 1912. People enjoy visiting the Legislature Grounds. They have picnics and take wedding photos. Children can swim in the reflecting pools.

There are special events in the Legislature Building during the year. Family Day is the third Monday in February, Canada Day is on July 1, and Celebrate the Season is in December.

Did you know?

The brown stone on the outside of the Legislature Building is sandstone from southern Alberta.



2

Word Builder

The word **“rotunda”** comes from the word “round.”

This room is called the **rotunda**. There is a fountain in the middle of the floor. There are flags from world wars hanging in the rotunda. There is marble on the stairs and the walls of the building. The marble comes from Quebec and Pennsylvania. Each pillar weighs 16 tonnes.

MAIN FLOOR ROTUNDA



This is a statue of Princess Louise Caroline Alberta. She was the daughter of Queen Victoria. Alberta became a province in 1905. It was named after the princess.

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Did you know?

The town of Lake Louise in Banff national park was also named after the princess.

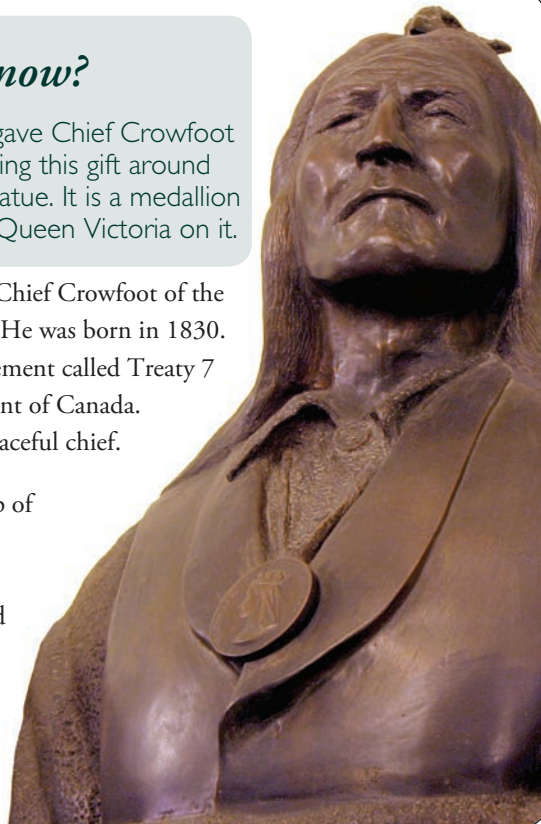
Did you know?

Queen Victoria gave Chief Crowfoot a gift. He is wearing this gift around his neck in the statue. It is a medallion with the face of Queen Victoria on it.

This is a statue of Chief Crowfoot of the Blackfoot Nation. He was born in 1830. He signed an agreement called Treaty 7 with the government of Canada. He was a brave, peaceful chief.

A **nation** is a group of people who share common customs, origins, history and language.

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THIRD FLOOR

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The Honourable Alison Redford is the 14th Premier of Alberta. She is the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party. She has an office in the Legislature Building. She is the MLA for the Calgary-Elbow constituency.



Did you know?

Premier Redford has worked in Africa, Europe and Asia. She also assisted with Afghanistan's first parliamentary elections.



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Danielle Smith is the Leader of the Official **Opposition**. Her constituency is called Highwood. She is a former journalist and the leader of the Wildrose Alliance Party of Alberta.

Word Builder

The word “**opposition**” comes from the word “oppose.” To oppose means to disagree or take another side.

7



The Honourable Ernest Manning was leader of the Social Credit Party.

Did you know?

Ernest Manning was Premier of Alberta for 25 years, making him the longest serving Premier.

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In 1905 the Honourable Alexander Rutherford became Alberta's first Premier. He supported public education and the University of Alberta.

Did you know?

You can take a tour of his home, Rutherford House. It is at the University of Alberta.



His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD is Alberta's 17th Lieutenant Governor. He was appointed by the Governor General of Canada on the advice of the Prime Minister.

The letters after his name stand for the awards and honours that he has received.

Did you know?

While serving in the Canadian military, His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell took part in 14 international peacekeeping missions all over the world.



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The Honourable Grant MacEwan was the last Lieutenant Governor to wear the civil dress uniform. The uniform had gold braid sewn into the jacket. In each province Lieutenant Governors represent Her Majesty Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada.

The Lieutenant Governor has three roles:

- Constitutional — performs duties related to the Legislative Assembly
- Ceremonial — gives out awards and attends official ceremonies
- Social — meets with official visitors and attends community events

Did you know?

Grant MacEwan University is named for this Lieutenant Governor.



This is the Mace. It represents the Assembly's authority to pass laws. The Mace sits on a table in the Assembly Chamber. It is made of gold and silver and has jewels around the crown.

Did you know?

Maces were once battle weapons. They had spikes and blades on the end.

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This is the original Mace. It was made from household items such as a mug, toilet float, bits of an old bed and gold paint. It was made in 1906.

Did you know?

The original Mace was used for 50 years.





This is Alberta's coat of arms. At the top is a crown. The crown represents Queen Elizabeth II. Below the crown is a beaver, which is one of the official emblems of Canada. *For more Alberta emblems see page 17.*

Did you know?

The coat of arms took 500 hours to carve. It is made of mahogany.



This is the Chamber where the 87 Members of the Legislative Assembly meet. MLAs are elected throughout the province of Alberta. Your MLA represents your **constituency** in the Legislative Assembly. The public is invited to come and watch the Assembly live from the galleries.

A **constituency** is the area of the province that an MLA represents.

Did you know?

In 1972 Alberta became the first province to televise Assembly proceedings.

Did you know?

Speaker Zwozdesky is the MLA for Edmonton-Mill Creek. MLAs from all parties elect the Speaker.



The Honourable Gene Zwozdesky was elected Speaker in 2012. The Speaker sits in the Speaker's chair and keeps order in the Chamber. He cannot answer questions during Oral Question Period.

FOURTH FLOOR



16 This is a portrait of King George V. He was Canada's **sovereign** when the Legislature Building opened in 1912.

Did you know?

A "**sovereign**" is a King or a Queen. King George V is the grandfather of our Queen, Elizabeth II.

FIFTH FLOOR

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This is the Carillon Room. It is most often used as a general meeting room. It is called the Carillon Room because the carillon is played from here.

Did you know?

A carillon sounds like the ringing of bells when it is played.



18

The Famous Five are five Alberta women who fought for equality in a court case called the Persons Case.



Henrietta Muir
Edwards
1849-1931

Did you know?

She published
Canada's first
women's magazine.



Louise McKinney
1868-1931

Did you know?

She was an Alberta
MLA and the first
woman elected to a
Legislature in Canada.



Nellie McClung
1873-1951

Did you know?

She was the Liberal
MLA for Edmonton.



Emily Murphy
1868-1933

Did you know?

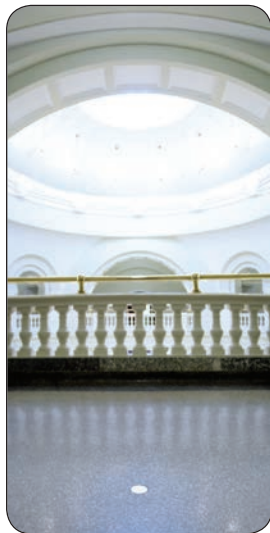
She was the first
female judge in the
Commonwealth.



Irene Parlby
1868 - 1965

Did you know?

She was the first
female cabinet
minister in Alberta.



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On the fifth floor there is a spot where people can hear the sound of running water. It is called the "magic spot."

Did you know?

The sound of running water is created by the fountain in the rotunda.

PALM ROOM



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The palm room is near the top of the dome. In the dome there are five palm trees. Today the trees are between five and seven metres high.

Did you know?

It has been said that the state of California gave the palm trees to Alberta in 1932.

WORD/PICTURE MATCH

Match the pictures of Alberta's official **emblems** with the corresponding words.

An emblem is something that reminds us of the history, people, places and natural features of the province.



ALBERTA TARTAN

THE WILD ROSE

COAT OF ARMS

FLAG

ALBERTA DRESS TARTAN



WORD/PICTURE MATCH



THE BULL TROUT

THE LODGEPOLE PINE

ROUGH FESCUE

PETRIFIED WOOD

THE GREAT HORNED OWL

THE BIGHORN SHEEP



LEGISLATURE WORD SEARCH

| | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| ASSEMBLY | LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR |
| AUTHORITY | MACE |
| CHAMBER | MLA |
| CONSTITUENCY | MINISTER |
| EMBLEM | OPPOSITION |
| GALLERIES | PREMIER |
| GIFT SHOP | ROTUNDA |
| GOVERNMENT | SPEAKER |

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HRENHCGPMLNNNI IATKAAEC
SKIOPYLSPEAAKEERRRABRN
ETVRRLHSMHNNI IICOOAETP
REPIRBSNROTTUNNDASBBRT
UTLOEMREIUGGOGGUNMNOTA
NALSHEYTIROOHTTUATUTIN
PMLAVSIAERVVTEEHSREIHA
PPCONSTITUEENC CYOOOOIU
ANGVOAMFEMRRLEENBSTITI
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MENOOCEHYEEEOI IAEELYIUB

my REFLECTIONS

I really liked . . .

I remember . . .

I want to know . . .



AND THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

My MLA is . . .

My constituency is . . .

I can get involved by . . .

THINGS TO DO AT THE LEGISLATURE

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Period

Attend special events

Take a tour

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